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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of:       | ) |                      |
|                             | : | Examiner: Johnny Ma  |
| Masamichi ITO, et al.       | ) |                      |
|                             | : | Group Art Unit: 2617 |
| Application No.: 09/451,870 | ) |                      |
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| Filed: December 1, 1999     | ) |                      |
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| For: RECEIVING APPARATUS    | ) | February 24, 2006    |
| AND METHOD                  | : |                      |

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Prior to examination on the merits and in response to the final Official Action mailed December 29, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows: